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**LETTER RE: STATEMENT UNDER 42 U.S.C. 2457
(90 Day Letter to NASA)**

A statement under statute 42 U.S.C. 2457 has been filed in the above-identified application. Copies of the statement and required application papers are forwarded herewith.

A dated acknowledgment of the receipt by Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration of the copies of the statement and required application papers is requested to determine the starting of the 90-day period recited in the statute. A duplicate copy of this letter is provided for a return receipt.

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By direction of the Commissioner for Patents,
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Enclosures (3): Statement under 42 U.S.C. 2457 (copy)
Application papers (copy)
Duplicate copy of this letter

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